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Allen V. McCloskey Sr.
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DNREC
89 Kings Highway
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RE: Release of brine mixed with water

Dear Mr. McCloskey:

On Wednesday, August 15, 2007 Pinnacle Foods Corporation in Millsboro experienced a release of a water and brine mixture via storm drain outfall 002. This release occurred from the tankyard area.

The tankyard crew were filling and draining tanks on Wednesday afternoon. The lift station that pumps this tankyard wastewater was pumping, however the flow from the tankyard exceeded the pump capability. The brine and water filled the swales in the tankyard and eventually backed up onto the blacktop at dock N and exited via an adjacent storm drain (002). Upon discovering this overflow, a maintenance employee opened a manual gate valve prior to the tankyard pumping station and as a result overflowed the pumping station into storm drain 004. This action allowed a small amount of the tankyard wastewater to exit via storm drain 004.

Approximately 1500 gallons of water and brine mixture was released into the salt marsh between 3:15 and 5:00 pm through storm drains 002 and 004. Once the spill was discovered, temporary pumps and absorbent materials were used to limit the overflow. This water was sampled and analyzed in the QA lab. The results of the analyses were as follows: pH – 4.14 su, acidity – 26 grains, % chloride – 0.78% and calcium chloride – 561ppm.

The tankyard crew has been briefed on the importance of inspecting the swales as part of their routine activities. Engineering is evaluating the possibility of constructing a small containment berm on the north end of dock N in the tankyard, since this is the lowest area and is in such close proximity to stormdrain 002.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 302-934-3833.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Beth B. Sise".

Beth B. Sise
Environmental Control Mgr.

Cc. Dave Carter, PFC
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